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## EOC Spot Report: Region 2, Chemical Exposure, Coral Bay, St. John, USVI.

**US Environmental Protection Agency** 

Report as of: 16:30 EDT, March 22, 2015

**Overview:** On 03/20 at approximately 1640 EDT, R2 was notified of a potential chemical substance exposure that occurred in St. John, USVI.

A family of four was staying at La Sirena Villa, in Coral Bay, St. John when they started showing neurological symptoms of chemical exposure. On 3/20 their symptoms

worsened to the point they required medical care at the in the St. Thomas Hospital where at least two members of the family were hospitalized.

USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) informed the R2 Duty Officer that DPNR has been in contact with the exterminator for the condominium and the exterminator confirmed that methyl bromide was applied to the condominium unit in question.

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** Virgin Island Government officials, ATSDR, DPNR and the local hospital are coordinating on this incident.

**EPA Actions**: A R2 deployed to St. John on 03/21 to assist DPNR in the investigation of the incident. On 03/22 the EPA EOC was notified that ERT personnel with contractors and R2 START will deploy to St. John to assist with the response.

Media Interest: None

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.

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